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[SENATE FILE No. 254. RET. AND REF.]

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASING OF STATIONERY, BLANK-BOOKS, AND DESK FURNITURE, FOR THE USE OF THE VARIOUS STATE OFFICERS, BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. It is hereby made the duty of the Secretary of State to purchase all stationery, blank-books, and desk furniture of every name and nature, used, or required to be used, in any of the various State offices, located at Des Moines, Iowa, and to issue the same to the various State officers, on their written requisitions. And no bills for such office stationery, blank-books, or desk furniture, shall be paid out of any money belonging to this State, unless such bills have been contracted by the Secretary of State, under and by virtue of this act.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to advertise for bids, for the furnishing of all articles, as enumerated in the preceding section, when the quantity required will, in his judgment, justify, in at least two newspapers printed at Des Moines, Iowa, asking for sealed proposals to furnish the articles mentioned in the advertisement. That said advertisement shall enumerate the kind, quantity and quality of articles for which bids are solicited, and giving at least sixty days from the date of the first insertion of said advertisement, in which bids will be received. And the Secretary of State shall contract with the party or parties making, in his judgment, the best and lowest bid, provided they shall file with him a good and sufficient bond, conditioned upon the faithful carrying out of their contract.

SEC. 3. The Auditor of State shall issue warrants upon the Treasurer or State for such purchases, when an itemized bill of the same is presented to him, bearing the certificate of the Secretary of State, certifying that such purchases were made by him, under the authority of this act, and that the articles enumerated in the bill have actually been delivered by him in the quantities and at the prices named therein. But the Auditor shall draw no warrants for any bills presented in which there shall be any items of sundries, or any items which do not give quantities of the articles purchased.